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MAYOR ANNOUNCES SENIOR CENTER RE-OPEN UNDER NEW SAFETY GUIDELINES

NEW BRITAIN – Mayor Erin Stewart announced today, that after months of closure due to the Coronavirus Pandemic that a newly renovated New Britain Senior Center has officially re-opened to the public. Modified programming became available at the Center on September 21st, 2020.

“The Senior Center is an important resource for our New Britain seniors,” said Mayor Stewart. “It’s a cherished institution among our older residents and its temporary closure was certainly felt by the attendees. I can’t begin to tell you all of the messages I received advocating for an expedited and safe re-open. It really is more than just a center, it’s a place that garners community and family. The Senior Center re-opening will hopefully provide some normalcy for our seniors as we continue in these unprecedented times.”

The Senior Center is re-opening with COVID-19 guidelines in place to keep center staff and community members safe and healthy. Senior Center staff will be sanitizing and disinfecting rooms before and after classes and masks are required to be worn in the building at all times, including during activities and exercises. Additional safety requirements have also been instituted, including: pre-registration for all classes, mandatory temperature checks before entering the building, and a modified pre-order grab and go lunch program. Furthermore, the center is not permitting non-programmed gathering in the building or loitering at this time.

Rex Cone, the Director of the New Britain Senior Center added, “We are excited to announce that the New Britain Senior Center is opening for our Senior Members. It has been a tough few months and our members are really starting to feel isolated, so this is a great opportunity for them to safely participate in social and recreational programs. We are following guidelines given by the State and our Local Health Department to ensure everyone is safe while participating in our activities. We look forward to seeing everyone after the long layoff.”

During the temporary shutdown, the New Britain Senior Center underwent a \$55,000+ renovation that included a new sound system, new lighting, stage renovations, new flooring, new countertops in the café, and all new tables and chairs throughout the facility.

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MODIFIED SENIOR CENTER OFFERINGS - MUST REGISTER FOR EACH CLASS - CALL 860.826.3553 TO SIGN UP - AT LEAST 1 DAY AHEAD

Walk ups will be turned away, per State Guidelines - Please call ahead to reserve your spot					
Class	Day	Time	Location	Entrance	Limit
Fitness with Chris	Mondays	9:15am to 9:45am	Massachusetts Room	Massachusetts Room	10
Fitness with Chris	Mondays	10:00am to 10:30am	Massachusetts Room	Massachusetts Room	10
Bingo	Mondays	1:00pm to 3:00pm	Cafeteria	Back Café Entrance	20
Fitness with Chris	Tuesdays	9:15am to 9:45am	Massachusetts Room	Massachusetts Room	10
Fitness with Chris	Tuesdays	10:00am to 10:30am	Massachusetts Room	Massachusetts Room	10
Crafters Group	Tuesdays	9:30am to 11:30am	Craft Room	Back Café Entrance	8
Crafters Group	Tuesdays	1:00pm to 3:00pm	Craft Room	Back Café Entrance	8
Movie	Tuesdays	1:00pm to 3:00pm	Cafeteria	Back Café Entrance	20
Tai Chi Class	Wednesdays	10:00am to 10:45am	Massachusetts Room	Massachusetts Room	10
Cooking Program	Wednesdays	1:00pm to 3:00pm	Cafeteria	Back Café Entrance	10
Hot Steppers Walking Club	Thursdays	8:30am to 9:15am	Massachusetts Room	Massachusetts Room	10
Chair Yoga Class	Thursdays	10:00am to 11:00am	Massachusetts Room	Massachusetts Room	10
Crafters Group	Thursdays	9:30am to 11:30am	Craft Room	Back Café Entrance	8
Crafters Group	Thursdays	1:00pm to 3:00pm	Craft Room	Back Café Entrance	8
Bingo	Thursdays	1:00pm to 3:00pm	Cafeteria	Back Café Entrance	20
Art Class with Paul Gobell	Fridays	1:00pm to 2:00pm	Cafeteria	Back Café Entrance	10
Billiards	Monday - Friday	1:00pm to 3:00pm	Card Room	Front Entrance	2 People per Hour
Exercise Room	Monday - Friday	9:00am to 3:00pm	Exercise Room	Back Café Entrance	2 People per Hour
Thrift Shop	Monday - Friday	9:30am to 2:00pm	Maine Room	Side Entrance	1 person in store at time
Computer Room	Tuesdays and Thursdays	10:00am to 2:00pm	Computer Room	Back Café Entrance	2 People per Hour
Lunch Program	Mon - Wed - Fri (Pickup)	11:30am to 12:30am	Cafeteria	Back Café Entrance	n/a

Please note each class's entrance - To limit exposure please enter at the proper locations. Once your class is completed, you must leave the building so we can clean area.